



## ***Town of Weare Parks and Recreation***

***Meeting Minute  
July 8, 2008***

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:08pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chuck Metcalf, *Valerie King, Gene Propper, Tom Reynolds, Jim Blouin, Mike Housman (PARC Coordinator)*

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

*Chuck moved to accept the minutes for June 24<sup>th</sup> as written. Jim seconded the motion. All approved.*

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE (Mike Housman)

- Next gathering will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors would like to host an outing to Dimitris. Last year PARC approved ~\$11/person for this purpose.

*Chuck moved to authorize up to \$12 per person for a "Seniors" luncheon at Dimitris for up to 60 seniors. All approved.*

BUDGET:

- See Budget Spreadsheet (handout). Several bills totaling approximately \$1,400 have been received since the handout was printed (bringing the total YTD expenditures to approximately \$11,000).

CHASE PARK:

- FYI-Clough State Park opened on June 21<sup>st</sup> (after being closed for 2 summers).
- Request received from a town resident for exemption to the parking sticker requirements. The couple owns a car dealership and drive "dealer" cars. These cars are not registered in their names. Can they still purchase a season parking pass to Chase Park? The PARC decision was to sell them a sticker. The sticker must go on the car. If they change vehicles for any reason, they will need to purchase a new sticker.
- PARC has yet to receive a facility use form, or proof of insurance from the ice cream vendor. Gate attendants are to turn the vendor away until such times as these documents are received.
- Uniforms (t-shirts) were ordered 2 weeks ago, but have not been received. Mike will instruct Kathy to call and find out when they are expected to arrive.
- A truck with Massachusetts plates was left in the park lot overnight. A note was left on the vehicle regarding overnight parking, but the problem continues. It also appears that this vehicle illegally removed a boat from the lake using the access by the shed. In doing so, the vehicle ran over the pump hose. Damage to the pump is possible but not

apparent. The PARC determined that the parking privileges for this vehicle are to be restricted until such time as the owner provides an explanation to PARC (in writing or at a PARC meeting). Police can't tow vehicles left overnight unless the Park has a sign stating this policy. Mike will order signs (two 12"x18") for Chase that read "Vehicles/Trailers left overnight will be towed at the owner's expense".

*Gene moved to prohibit the sale of a Chase Park day pass to the owner of the vehicle that violated the overnight parking restriction (as noted above) until such time as he or she appears before the board, or provides in writing, an acceptable explanation as to the necessity for leaving the vehicle in violation of park policy. Chuck seconded the motion. All approved.*

#### PARC COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

- Signs:
  - Cost of the "Carry In/Carry Out" signs are \$22.20 for the 12"x18" and \$34.20 for the 18"x24". PARC would like Mike to purchase 2 of the larger signs (one for each field).
  - The "pick up after your pet" signs come in 12x18 size. PARC would like Mike to purchase 4 of these signs (2 to be placed at Bolton).
  - Posts will also be needed. They cost \$10-\$15 each. PARC would like Mike to purchase 4 posts.
- Trash at Ineson-Jim spoke with Carl (Highway Dept). Carl's men will be by soon to pick up the skateboard ramps.
- The shade tarp and the bubble are in place at the Bolton playground. Mike contacted the manufacturer for pricing of the two missing "hip beam" pipes.
- The balance in the Capital Reserve funds are:
  - Tennis Court Resurfacing: \$1,385.30.
  - Chase Park: \$23,541.41.
  - Recreational Development & Improvement: \$22,387.88 (includes the \$7 voted in last year).
- Water for the gatehouse: \$100-\$120 to purchase a dispensing unit. 5 gallon bottles cost about \$5 each. Mike will pick up 5-6 of the 5 gallon jugs for the gatehouse (continue to use Kathy's dispenser for now).
- Goffstown Lock & Key: The current locks are very easy to pick. The locksmith estimated it will cost \$550 to replace all three locks (10-12 years life expectancy for new locks) and \$95 to re-key the existing locks. Lock guards will cost \$20 each and \$15 to install (\$105 total for 3 locks). The door to the pump room is in bad condition and also needs replacing. PARC would like Mike to have Goffstown Lock & Key replace and add guards to all 3 doors plus add guards to the 2 locks on the gatehouse.
- Working with PSNH to get the bulb replaced on the light by the bath house.
- Sand for the beach: The State allows 1 load of sand every 2 years. Mike will contact Henniker Sand & Gravel for prices on a load of "beach" sand and the delivery costs versus having the Highway Department pick it up.

#### NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

- The holes have been filled in at the end of Bolton Field access road. Question raised as to whether PARC should ask the Highway Department to grade the road. It was

determined that there currently isn't enough "material" there to grade. Need to add material first. Jim will look into this.

- Roses for Chase Park (erosion and pedestrian control). The State Forest Nursery sells Rugose Rose and Virginia Rose seedlings (both would be good for our purposes). You can purchase 100 seedlings for \$60. The next orders won't be placed until fall. PARC will plan to purchase 100 seedlings in the fall (assuming money is in the budget)
- Brush hog: Decision made to wait another year.
- A pine tree was dropped at Bolton and is lying along the road. Mike will ask Fred to ask Carl to have it removed.
- Poison Ivy at Chase and Ineson is still a problem. Best addressed early in the growing season. Can't do much about it right now.
- Discussion regarding Chase Park staff:
  - Discussion regarding the possibility of re-instituting the Assistant Head Gatekeeper position. Adding it this year would require us to interview for the position. Consider adding this position next year.
  - An evaluation procedure is needed for Park staff.
  - Other town staff received a 3% raise this year. Kathy also received a raise. The only staff that didn't get a raise were our 2 returning Chase Park staffers (and our only lifeguards).

*Chuck moved to authorize a 3% raise to be given to Justin Robichaud and Ben Carignan. Tom seconded the motion. All approved.*

- Concerts: Mike will contact the Weare Area Chamber of Commerce to see if they are interested in co-sponsoring concerts with PARC.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:54pm

*NEXT MEETING*

*August 12, 2008*